

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Mayor Bethune offered the invocation and invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. **Council Members:** Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Bessie Kicklighter, Debbie Ruiz and Kim Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Blake Hodge, Fire Chief and Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director.

Mayor Bethune said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions or votes were made during the pre-agenda session.

Georgia Cities Coloring Contest: Mayor Bethune presented certificates to students from Garden City Elementary school and Gould Elementary School that won first, second, and third place in Garden City's 2016 Coloring Contest.

Mayor Bethune said the students from Savannah Christian Preparatory School could not be here tonight. He thanked the students, parents, and teachers for attending the meeting. He said we will make arrangements to get the certificates to the students who could not be here tonight.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience. He said we have a number of candidates in the audience wishing to address Council and I would like for them to come up during the informal public comment portion of the meeting. He said I would like to ask those in the audience who have questions or comments to hold them until the Town Hall meeting following the council meeting. He said we are trying to keep the council meeting short so we can begin the Town Hall Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Judge Tom Edenfield introduced Judge Morris who is seeking re-election to the Office of Superior Court Judge.

Judge Morris addressed City Council on his qualifications and asked City Council for their support in the upcoming election.

City Attorney said Judge Morris does a great job and has always been very helpful on the City's nuisance abatement cases.

Ms. Kay Ford introduced Attorney Tammy Moseley who is seeking election to the Office of Clerk of Superior Court.

Attorney Moseley addressed City Council on her qualification and asked City Council for their support in the upcoming election.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Mayor Bethune said we have no formal requests to address City Council and staff will not be giving their reports tonight.

Public Hearings:

PC1603, Rezoning Request (10 Buckhalter Road): Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by George McKenzie, property owner, to rezone 10 Buckhalter Road from RA to C2 for use as rental property.

There being no one wishing to speak in favor or against the rezoning request, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing on PC1603.

PC1604, Subdivision Variance (214 Salt Creek Road): Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Mary E. Watson, property owner, for a subdivision variance of 214 Salt Creek Road for a second home.

There being no one wishing to speak in favor or against the rezoning request, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing on PC1604.

PC1605, Rezoning Request (1116 Dean Forest Road): Mayor Bethune said the petitioner has withdrawn his request to rezone 1116 Dean Forest Road from R-1 to C-2 for use as an automobile repair shop and used car dealer and development.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to table the public hearing on PC1605.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the City Council Minutes dated 4/4/16 and Workshop Synopsis dated 4/11/16.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, Ford F150 Pick-up Truck Proposal – Recreation Department: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the City Council of Garden City, Georgia, that the proposal of O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc., to sell the City a new 2016 Ford F-150 regular cab pick-up truck at the price of \$19,285.00 be accepted, and to authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase contract or order for the new truck.

City Manager said this item is budgeted in the FY2016 Budget. He said the proposed bid for acceptance is below the budgeted amount.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopted the resolution.

Resolution, Rehabilitation Work Proposal - Culvert Project @ 55 Main St.: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the City Council of Garden City, Georgia, that the proposal of Calenn Construction & Rehabilitation Services, Inc., to perform the rehabilitation work on two (2) storm drain culverts located at 55 Main Street at the cost of \$55,000 be accepted, and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and sign the purchase order or contract for the Rehabilitation Work.

City Manager said we determined through our research that 50 years ago the City in conjunction with Chatham County installed the culverts for drainage.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Local Emergency & Disaster Mutual Aid Agreement: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the City of Garden City to renew its Local Emergency and Disaster Mutual Aid Agreement with Chatham County, Georgia; to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement; and for other purposes.

Fire Chief said both the local and statewide mutual aid agreements come up for renewal every four years. He said this is to renew our agreements to ensure mutual aid in times of emergencies and insure the reimbursement of costs incurred by participating parties who render assistance.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Statewide Mutual Aid & Assistance Agreement: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing Garden City, Georgia to execute the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security and any County or other Municipality within the State of Georgia also executing same, to ensure the timely provision of mutual aid in times of emergencies and to further insure the reimbursement of costs incurred by participating parties who render assistance.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Mayor Bethune said we will take a short recess prior to commencing the Town Hall Meeting.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Transcribed by Clerk of Council

Approved by City Council: 5/2/16